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Customer No.: 20,995

AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Hammerslag, Gary  
App. No. : 09/993,296  
Filed : November 14, 2001  
For : FOOTWEAR LACING  
SYSTEM  
Examiner : Brittain, James R.  
Art Unit : 3677

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in seven (7) pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 29, 2003, Applicant elects Group I including Claims 1-18 and 20-33 identified by the Examiner as being drawn to a footwear lacing system or closure system for footwear. Accordingly, please amend the claims as follows: